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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: LENINGRAD PROPAGANDIST VADIM VASIL'YEVICH CHUBINSKIY, BILLED AS EXPERT ON CHINESE AFFAIRS, GAVE REASONABLY OBJECTIVE AND NON-POLEMICAL DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT CHINESE SCENE DURING SUNDAY, APRIL 18, PRESENTATION AT CENTRAL LECTURE HALL. CHUBINSKIY DESCRIBED BACKGROUNDS OF TENG HSIAO-PING AND HUA KUO-FENG, SKETCHING THE FORMER'S REHABILITATION AND NEW POLITICAL DEMISE AND SAYING OF HUA KUO-FENG THAT "IT IS HARD TO SAY WHOM AND WHAT HE REPRESENTS SINCE HIS POSITION IS NOT CLEAR".
END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING ARE SELECTED EXCERPTS FROM CHUBINSKIY'S PRESENTATION.

3. AS NOTED AT 25TH PARTY CONGRESS, WE NOW SPEAK OF THE DIRECT HOSTILITY OF MAOISM TO MARXISM-LENINISM. THIS IS NOT BY CHANCE SINCE THE USE OF MAOISM AS A WORD DENOTING AN IDEOLOGY MEANS THAT THE SOVIET UNION CANNOT REGARD THE CHINESE LEADERS AS MARXIST-LENINISTS, AS TRUE COMMUNISTS. SOVIET SCIENTISTS (SIC) HAVE DONE MUCH WORK ON MAOISM AND WE CAN SAY THAT WE NOW KNOW WHAT IT IS: MAOISM IS A SPECIAL POLITICAL COURSE, PETIT

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BOURGEOIS IN NATURE, WHICH USES MARXIST-LENINIST TERMINOLOGY

AND PARTIAL THEORIES TO "PROVE" POINTS THAT SUPPORT POSITIONS THE MAOISTS ADOPT AS PART OF THEIR TACTICS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE SO-CALLED CULTURAL REVOLUTION IS AN IDEA ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS THAT OF TROTSKIY'S PERMANENT REVOLUTION. MAOISM IS ALSO A FORM OF PEASANTISM WHICH IS CONNECTED WITH CHINESE NATIONALISM AND CHAUVINISM, AN OLD TRADITION IN CHINA WHICH MAOISM TOOK OVER. IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, MAOIST THEORIES COME DOWN TO GREAT POWER CHAUVINISM. SOVIET SCIENTISTS HAVE DETERMINED THAT THERE IS NO SUBSTANCE TO MAOISM AS AN IDEOLOGY.

4. THE PRESENT CRISIS IN CHINA TOUCHES ALL ASPECTS OF THE COUNTRY'S LIFE. THE PRESENT POWER STRUGGLE BETWEEN VARIOUS FACTIONS AND GROUPS HAS ITS ESSENCE IN CONFLICTS WHICH MAOISM HAS HAD SINCE THE VERY BEGINNING. THERE ARE TWO MAIN GROUPS: THE ONE LED BY MAO'S WIFE, CHIANG CHING, TOGETHER WITH THE SHANGHAI LEADERSHIP, WHICH IS THE MORE ADVENTURIST, EXTREME GROUPING--MAOISM IN ITS PURE FORM; AND THE LESS EXTREME GROUP OF SO-CALLED PRAGMATISTS AND REALISTS, DRAWN FROM THE MILITARY AND PARTY APPARATUS, FORMERLY LED BY CHOU-EN-LAI AND THEN TENG HSIAO-PENG. HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED THAT BOTH GROUPS ARE IDENTICAL IN THEIR HOSTILITY TO MARXISM-LENINISM. IT IS JUST A QUESTION OF THE "TEMPO" OF MAOISM. ALSO, IT IS DIFFICULT TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THEIR STRUGGLES OF PRINCIPLE AND THOSE INVOLVING PERSONAL CONFLICTS.

5. IT IS HARD TO SAY HOW LONG PRESENT STRUGGLE WILL CONTINUE, BUT RECENT DEMONSTRATIONS WERE MOST VIOLENT CHINA HAS KNOWN SINCE 1949 AND IT IS POSSIBLE THEY MARK BEGINNING OF NEW STAGE IN CHINA. THERE ARE MANY PERSONS IN GOVERNMENT AND PARTY IN CHINA WHO WANT TO RETURN TO COURSE OF MARXISM-LENINISM AND FRIENDSHIP WITH SOVIET UNION AND THEY WILL HAVE THEIR VOICE SOONER OR LATER.

6. CONGEN COMMENT: CHUBINSKIY COMMENTED BRIEFLY ON CHINESE FOREIGN AID AND STATED THAT CHINA HAS GIVEN APPROXIMATELY \$3.3 BILLION IN AID, HALF OF WHICH WENT TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES. IN A BIT OF SOUR GRAPES, HE CHARGED THAT EGYPT HAD NO SOONER ANNOUNCED RENUNCIATION OF SOVIET AID WHEN CHINESE RUSHED TO OFFER SPARE PARTS FOR "CERTAIN ITEMS OF SOVIET MILITARY EQUIPMENT."

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